

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 34 as follows:

34. (once amended) A spacer body for engaging a tension providing device such as a spring comprising:

a front face having an aerodynamic contour symmetrically arranged about an axis;

a rear face axially spaced from the front face;

a recessed spring bearing surface in the rear face for receiving the tension providing device;

a cylindrical spring spacing abutment projecting in an axial direction from the bearing surface and having an axial dimension controlling the deflection of the tension providing device; and

a central bore.

Please rewrite claim 42 as follows:

42. (once amended) A spacer for attachment to an impeller in conjunction with a spacer assembly having tension providing device as a spring comprising:

a contoured spacer body symmetrical about an axis and including a front surface and a rear surface;

the front surface including a contoured surface at an angle or curve relative to the axis;

the rear surface including a cylindrical spring spacing abutment including a washer contact surface at an end of the abutment wherein the spring spacing abutment is axially dimensioned relative to the axis so that a spacer assembly used in conjunction with the abutment deflects at a desired amount.

Please rewrite claim 43 as follows:

43. (once amended) The spacer of claim 42 wherein the contoured spacer body further includes a center portion having a first recess arranged in the rear surface about the spring spacing abutment.

Please rewrite claim 45 as follows:

45. (once amended) The spacer of claim 44 wherein the front surface includes a second recess and a forward facing shoulder in the second recess.

Please rewrite claim 46 as follows:

46. (once amended) The spacer of claim 45 further including a fastener located in the second recess and having a fastener front face wherein the second recess is sized to ensure that the fastener front face is seated flush across the central bore in order to make a substantially continuous surface.

Please rewrite claim 47 as follows:

47. (once amended) The spacer of claim 44 wherein the impeller includes an impeller front face further including a truncated end in the impeller front face.

Please rewrite claim 48 as follows:

48. (once amended) The spacer of claim 47 wherein the truncated end is sized to accommodate a protective washer, the spacer assembly, and the contoured spacer body.

Please rewrite claim 49 as follows:

49. (once amended) The spacer of claim 45 wherein the body has an aerodynamic portion extending slightly around the spring spacing abutment.

Please rewrite claim 51 as follows:

51. (once amended) A spacer for engaging a tension providing device such as a spring comprising:

a contoured spacer body including a domed front end where the spacer body is symmetrical about an axis;

the domed front end including a front face, a rear face, a cylindrical spring spacing abutment having an axial dimension sized to deflect the tension providing device a desired amount, and a recess spring bearing surface in the rear face for receiving the tension providing device.

Please rewrite claim 52 as follows:

52. (once amended) The spacer of claim 51 wherein the front face includes a recess and the rear face includes a fastener projecting in an axial direction.

Please insert the following new claims:

55. The expensor of claim 38 wherein the expensor includes a spacer assembly.

56. The expensor body of claim 55 wherein the spacer assembly includes a spring.

57. The spacer body of claim 54 further includes a spring contacting the spring bearing surface in the spring spacing abutment.

58. The spacer of claim 42 wherein the spacer assembly includes a spring contacting the spring spacing abutment.

59. The spacer of claim 58 further including a washer contacted in the spacer assembly contacting the washer contact surface.